

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend the following claims:

1. (3X Amended) Electric motor including a stator and a rotor which defines a rotor axis and includes at least a stack of laminations layered by sheets and provided with slots for receiving rotor windings, wherein at an end face of the at least one stack of laminations, there is provided at least one rotor end sheet which abuts laterally in radial direction the stack of laminations and is made of high-strength fine-grain structural steel, wherein the rotor end sheet and matches, at least in proximity of the rotor axis, a shape of the sheets layered in the stack of laminations.

6. (Twice Amended) An electric motor, comprising:
 - a stator; and
 - a rotor defined by a rotor axis and having a stack of laminations which is layered by sheets, said stack of laminations having opposite end faces, and two rotor end sheets, one of the rotor end sheets provided on one of the end faces of the stack of laminations, and the other one of the rotor end sheets provided on the other one of the end faces of the stack of laminations, each of said rotor end sheets abutting laterally in radial direction the stack of laminations and being made of high-strength fine-grain structural steel, wherein each of the rotor end sheets and matching

matches, at least in proximity of the rotor axis, a shape of the sheets
layered in the stack of laminations.

REMARKS

Record is made of an interview between applicant's representative and the Examiner which took place on June 20, 2002. The Examiner is thanked for his help and assistance as well as for the courtesies extended to Counsel at that time. During the course of the interview, the present application was extensively discussed, and applicant's representative pointed out to the differences between the prior art of record and the subject matter of the present invention. The Examiner agreed that the subject matter of the present invention is distinguishable over the prior art of record, provided claims 1 and 6 are amended to set forth the particular relationship between the end sheets and the stack of laminations.

As a result of the interview, applicant now submits amendments to the claims 1 and 6 which are drawn up in accordance with the agreement at the interview so as to overcome each and every objection or rejection to the claims as set forth in the Examiner's Official Action of January 30, 2002 and to place the application in formal condition for allowance.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate conditions for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner consider necessary or desirable any formal changes anywhere in the specification, claims and/or drawing, then it is respectfully requested that such changes be made by Examiner's Amendment, if the Examiner feels this would facilitate passage of the case to issuance. If the Examiner feels that it might be helpful in advancing this case by calling the undersigned, applicant would greatly appreciate such a telephone interview.

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